

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/798,369

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 1/12/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-30 and renumbered as t-30.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/12/04 and 12/22/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-30 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-30 are allowed since certain key features of the claimed invention are not taught or fairly suggested by prior art. **In claim 1**, “wherein said X electrode drive circuit and said Y electrode drive circuit have: a first sustain drive mode in which discharge pulses to predetermined adjacent electrodes rise or fall in the same direction at the same time; and a second sustain drive mode in which discharge pulses to all adjacent electrodes rise or fall at different timings”. “The closest prior art Setoguchi et al. (2003/0001801 A1) teach a plasma display comprising first Y-sustaining circuit, second Y-sustaining circuit, first X-sustaining circuit and second X-sustaining circuit, which the sustaining discharge is generated; Ishii et al. (2006/0050094 A) teach a plasma display panel comprising in surface discharge electrodes, X electrodes are provided on the two sides of a Y electrode and during a sustain period, a sustaining pulse with same phase and at the same voltage V_s , or the first sustaining pulse train is supplied to the odd-numbered X electrodes and the even-numbered Y electrodes; however, singularly or in combination with other prior art, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kanazawa (2002/0105278 A1) teaches a plasma display panel with first and second electrodes.

Iseki (2002/0044106 A1) teach a plasma display comprising includes scan electrodes, sustain electrodes and data electrodes ... each driving second includes transistors for alternately applying first and second sustain pulses with positive and negative potentials with respect to the reference potential of the data electrode to the scan and sustain electrodes.

Itoh et al. (2002/0047586 A1) teach a plasma display device with alternately arranged sustain electrodes.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mansour M. Said whose telephone number is 571-272-7679. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30-6:00 P.M. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard A. Hjerpe whose telephone number is 571-272-7681.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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